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WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN COUNTY LIBRARY ESSAY CONTEST *Students and Adults Addressed the Question "Are Books Obsolete?"*

The Library Friends of San Diego County, an umbrella organization representing the Friends of the Library groups of San Diego County Library's 32 branches, have announced the winners in their 2005 essay contest, which asked the question, "Are Books Obsolete?"

Students and adults shared their thoughts in essays not exceeding 500 words.

According to the Friends' President Dick Wayman, 1st place winners received \$100; 2nd place winners, \$50; and 3rd place winners \$25. Judging was based upon presentation, originality, and correctness. The grand prize essays are posted on the County Library website: <http://www.sdcl.org>.

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors will also honor the winners at the start of their regular televised Board meeting on Tuesday morning, September 20, at 9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Dick Wayman at (760) 788-7908 or at lfscsessay@yahoo.com

Adult division Winners:

1st place: Paul Jacobsen, of Julian

2nd place: Regina Morin, of Scripps Ranch

3rd place: Nancy B. Jones, of Vista

Student Division Winners:

1st place: Michael A. Benneh of San Marcos, a student at Classical Academy Escondido

2nd place: Tom Whittaker, of Poway, a student at Poway High School

3rd place: Kathy Wang, of San Diego, a student at Rancho Bernardo High School

Adult Honorable Mentions:

Amanda Qassar, of San Diego

Elizabeth Barto Wright, of Encinitas

Diane Peske, of Vista

Student Honorable Mentions:



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Bryan Thomas, of Poway, student at a Papaw's Private Intermediate School

Eric McConnon, of Vista, a student at Julian Charter School

Carly Fehlberg, of El Cajon, a student at Heritage Christian School

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